

The A. F. of L. Weekly News Service gives a brief summary of important labor news, including the industrial, legislative and judicial activities, and other information that will benefit the trade union movement.

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LOW WAGES BLAMED FOR BUSINESS DROP

New York, Dec. 20.—"Speculation on borrowed money and the small share that labor receives in the form of wages were classed as major causes of the present depression by United States Senator Shipstead, writing his views for the Magazine of Wall Street, in a featured article.

This financial publication states that Senator Shipstead's views on the problems relating to business are "most significant as the clearest dividing line between the two old parties making him 'the most powerful individual in Congress.'"

"We are suffering from underconsumption rather than overproduction," said Senator Shipstead, in calling attention to the need for higher wages. "Not enough of the gross income produced by the nation is being distributed to the masses. The immediate and broadly distributed individual buyers are not adequately provided with the means of buying. When the gross average annual wages decrease as the volume of the product increases, the result is a slump in demand."

"It has been recently shown—contrary to what we have all thought—that labor is receiving a smaller proportion of the value added in the production of goods and services than it did 90 years ago. The corporations and the wealthy individuals are holding back dividend disbursements. Rich men and corporations tend to withdraw greater part of their income from consumption use than do average individuals."

LABOR'S RADIO PLANT IS UNIQUE ENTERPRISE

Chicago, Dec. 20.—"Radio Station WCFL, Chicago, where I am now speaking, is the most unique enterprise controlled by labor in the world," said Frank Morrison, secretary of the A. F. of L., in a worldwide radio address delivered over Radio Station WCFL and its national affiliate, the National Labor Radio Network.

"This radio station, owned and controlled by organized labor, is the first of its kind in the world," said Morrison. "It is the first of its kind in the world, and it is the first of its kind in the world."

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AMERICAN BUSINESS IS WITHOUT LEADERS

New York, Dec. 20.—Glen Frank of Wisconsin, president of the American Association of Manufacturers, said in a speech before the annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents that American business is "leaderless."

While many individual businessmen have had admirable leaders, American business as a whole, he said, has been leaderless in the sense that it has lacked any central planning and that "our panicky period is the result of our planless past."

Dr. Frank sounded a warning against business men who favor deflation and who insist we must reduce living standards. "The deflationists are bloodthirsty," he said. "They will bring our entire country system into ruin if they succeed in seducing business men, industrialists and financial leaders to their view. They are big business men who have fallen short of being big."

BUSINESS MUST AWAKE TO CHANGED CONDITIONS

New York, Dec. 20.—Business and industry must awaken to changed conditions, Dr. Robert A. Milliken, physicist and former Nobel prize winner told members of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents at their convention here.

Dr. Milliken said business must create a system of scientific planning and develop insurance for unemployment, sickness and old age, and these functions will be taken from their conventional forms.

"The fatal fact of overproduction, which he put at the root of the trouble, was raised by him to a stimulation by the effects of the 'unbalanced production' could not wait long for a solution, if the present form of society is to survive, he asserted."

IMMIGRANTS BANNED

Washington, Dec. 20.—A two-year suspension of all immigration from the countries of the Americas, except relatives who may enter until half of the existing quota is filled, was approved by the House Immigration Committee.

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VIRGINIA'S GOVERNOR MISSES PEACE CHANCE

Four thousand striking textile workers in Danville are willing to submit their wrongs to any group of fair-minded citizens, they have been rebuffed by the mill management.

The governor of Virginia made a similar offer to the Danville strikers. After this snub to the chief executive of the great Commonwealth, the governor placed troops in Danville at the request of those who spurned his peace offer.

The usual plea for soldiers was advanced and soldiers that can easily be autocratic mill barons, who declare, as Louis Staged by private detectives who prosper in the time of turmoil.

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RAIL MEN PRESENT SOLID LINE TO CUT HOURS FOR WORKLESS

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Association of Railroad Labor Executives, at their meeting in this city, established a new record when they agreed to take joint action with the workless employees of the nation's railroads. The purpose is to care for unemployed.

The association comprises 21 organizations of workers employed on the nation's railroads. The chairman is D. B. Robertson, president Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. The secretary is E. J. Main, president Order of Railway Telegraphers.

The shorter time plan is intended to help unemployed workers who are out of work and there are several hundred thousand who are working on part time.

The question of shorter hours is as old as the railroad industry. It is because of the complex character of railroading, with its manufacturing, hauling and transportation activities for every imaginable employment.

The executive committee of the association will present their views to the Federal Railroad Commission, which it treated on a national scale, as it is the national body for the industry.

The workers are asking for the six-hour day in train and yard work, and the five-hour day for clerical employees. Each organization will work out its own plan, but they are all identical to the change.

The Association of Railroad Labor Executives agreed to work with the Federal Railroad Commission on "proper regulation of highway transportation by buses and trucks and the elimination of workless employees by the use of buses, trucks, pipe lines and waterways."

EMPLOYEES' PAY JUMP RESTORED BY HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 20.—Publicity resulted in the House defeating Congressmen's plan to block proposed wage increases to Federal employees, a bill introduced by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill was introduced by Congressman L. G. Hardie, of the fight for government workers. On a vote of 191 to 112, the House rejected the bill. A teller's vote was demanded and L. G. Hardie then won by a single vote.

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NEW CENSUS OF IDLE ORDERED BY BUREAU

Washington, Dec. 20.—Unemployed laborers in 20 representative cities are the date, according to the Census Bureau, when the unemployed will be counted. The census will be made with unemployment returns from the cities on April 1, on which date all present unemployment returns will be sent to the bureau.

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CHECKING OUT OUTPUT

Oklahoma City, Dec. 20.—Governor Holloway instructs the State Attorney General to enforce all restriction orders by the Oklahoma State Department of Labor. The law has been passed by the Oklahoma State Legislature and will take effect on January 1, 1931.

FIGURES ON JOBLESS REFUSED TO SENATE

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Hoover notified the Senate that he refused to furnish the information on unemployment given him by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Senate asked for unemployment figures on the condition that the President inform the Senate, Notes and discussions that passed between President Hoover and the Senate on the subject of unemployment.

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MINE OWNERS' POLICE OPPOSED BY LAWMAKER

McKees Rock, Pa., Dec. 20.—Representative Musmann of the State Legislature renews his warfare against the State Cossack system that is known as the Coal and Iron Police.

Mr. Musmann has devoted much time to a study of various police systems in this country, and declares that Pennsylvania leads in surrendering its police power to private interests.

FUNERAL ALLOWANCE TOO LOW IN LABOR LAW

Washington, Dec. 20.—Compensation for funeral expenses of a deceased worker is too low, according to the National Association of Laborers.

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MUNICIPAL PLANT DONATES CURRENT

Penn Yan, N. Y., Dec. 20.—This village, which operates a municipal electric plant, gave community Christmas presents in the form of a year's supply of electricity to the poor.

The gift follows a substantial reduction in rates for the municipal plant. The gift follows a substantial reduction in rates for the municipal plant.

WANT STATE COSSACKS

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The Chicago Police Department is planning to establish a State Cossack system to enforce the law. The plan is to have a State Cossack system to enforce the law.

JUST WAKING UP TO INJUNCTION

The American Civil Liberties Union announces that it is "preparing material for a campaign against labor injunctions," but it shows it hasn't the slightest notion of that the injunction is.

In seeking to bring a fight against the injunction, the union must necessarily be based on ignorance and bluff, the A. C. L. U. makes this ridiculous statement:

"The very title of the subject, 'Who seeks to know why injunctions are issued against labor unions?' is a question which should be asked by every citizen."

With the simple question, "Why do you think injunctions are such effective weapons in the hands of employers and courts?" This questionaire may enlighten well-meaning citizens who marvel why trade unionists refuse to be guided by so-called "liberals."

PAUPER WAGE TO U. S. WORKERS THAT \$10,000 LAZYMEN FAVOR

Washington, Dec. 20.—The pauper wage of \$1,000 a year for Federal employees is favored by Congressmen from the House of Representatives, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations.

Redundant pay rates have been promised these low wage employees and the plan was approved by President Hoover. The plan was approved by President Hoover.

SHORTER P. O. WEEK APPROVED BY HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Kendall bill, reducing the postal work week from 48 to 44 hours, passed the House of Representatives.

The bill is now before the Senate, where a companion bill has been introduced by Mr. La Follette.

The bill is backed by the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, the National Association of Letter Carriers and the Railway Mail Association.

OUT-OF-WORK FIGURES REVISED BY CENSUS

Washington, Dec. 20.—Revised unemployment figures, just issued by the Bureau of the Census, sustain the charge that the bureau's April 1929 figures were too low.

The revised figures show that there were 31.49 per cent more people actually out of work last April than was shown in the April 1929 figures.

WORKER AS PARTNER URGED BY RAIL HEAD

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—Industrial peace can be assured by partnership between employer and worker, said Sir Henry Thornton, president Canadian National Railways, in an address before the Franchise League here.

DANVILLE STRIKERS REFUSE TO STAMPEDE

Danville, Va., Dec. 20.—Another plot to stampede striking textile workers back into the mill was foiled here today.

A full-page advertisement, signed by "merchants of Danville," appeared in local newspapers as a prelude. H. R. Fitzpatrick, president of the Danville Textile Workers' Union, said that he would not be stampeded by outsiders and agitators.

The attempted stampede was carried out by a group of Danville newspaper men who were trying to get the strikers to return to work.

The strikers answered the stampede plot at a mass meeting when they decided to hold the strike just begun. Notwithstanding hundreds of soldiers in the city, the strikers refused to be stampeded by outsiders and agitators.

LESS COTTON ACREAGE FAVORED BY GOVERNOR

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—"If the leaders of Southern agriculture do not reduce cotton acreage in 1931, our situation will be deplorable," said Governor Gardner in a call for action.

Industrial workers urge the need for a reduction in cotton acreage to increase the supply of goods, but this has been the policy of the Southern States since the Civil War.

CLERGY AID STRIKERS; APPEAL TO CHURCH MEN

New York, Dec. 20.—Clergymen affiliated to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ organized a committee to aid the Danville strikers, and church people throughout the country are urged to contribute to the fund.

The fund is to be used to aid the strikers in their struggle for better wages and conditions. The fund is to be used to aid the strikers in their struggle for better wages and conditions.

Dr. Alva W. Taylor of Nashville is chairman of this committee. Rev. Eugene M. Smith of New York is secretary.

INDIANS OWN LAND; HELD IN PEONAGE

Washington, Dec. 20.—Chetoway Indians in Mississippi are held in peonage while the Bureau of Indian Affairs looks for a way to free them from 80,000 acres of land reserved for some of them in that State, according to testimony before a Senate committee.

Senator Frazier, who visited the Chetoway agency at Philadelphia, Miss., brought back testimony of Indians who declare they are being held in peonage by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

CHILD LABOR ROSE BEFORE DEPRESSION

Washington, Dec. 20.—Child labor has been on the increase since the three prosperous years prior to the present depression, according to the report of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Garment Firms Accept 40 Hours; 3,000 Organized Workers Benefit

New York, Dec. 20.—Two large concerns that have contracted relations with the United Garment Workers of America notified General President Rickert and General Secretary Wines of that organization that they have accepted the 40-hour week.

Three thousand employees will change from the 44-hour week beginning the first of the year. There will be no wage reductions.

The two concerns are H. D. Lee Mercantile Company, with factories in Kansas City, Mo.; South Bend, Ind.; Trenton, N. J.; Minneapolis and San Francisco, employing 2,500 workers, and the R. L. McDonald Manufacturing Company of St. Joseph, Mo., employing 500 workers.

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RADIO BOARD EMPLOYE LENDS HAND TO TRUST

Washington, Dec. 20.—"The report of a trust in the Federal Radio Commission recommending the complete break-down of the commission's rule to limit the number of superpower stations is a challenge to the commission as well as to Congress," said Oswald P. Schutte, executive secretary Radio Protective Association.

In all Congressional hearings on radio legislation since 1927, the attitude of Senators, Representatives and Commissioners alike has favored the severest restrictions on superpower stations. This position is held by the Radio Protective Association.

FARM BOARD'S WHEAT MAY BE GIVEN NEDDY

Washington, Dec. 20.—Senators are discussing plans to distribute to the needy wheat owned by the Federal Farm Board. The suggestion is opposed by Chairman Legge of the Farm Board.

The board bought more than 100,000 bushels of wheat in 1929 to hold prices. Frantic appeals to farmers to plant wheat in 1930 have been made by the board. If the wheat is given to the needy, the board's mission will be to distribute the wheat, after it has been stored for a year or more.

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FUNERAL ATTENDANCE TO BE PAID BY BOSSES

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 20.—James A. German, umpire for the anthracite coal miners, said that coal companies must pay \$25 to \$50 a funeral for the workers who die in the mines.

The decision is based on a resolution passed by the United Mine Workers of America during the World War, when it was the rule of the industry to pay for the funeral of a miner who died in the mines.

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